

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 10, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILKINSON made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 440.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Ruth Ellen Grelaud, widow of Captain John H. Grelaud, praying to be allowed a pension, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report:*

That at the second session of the Thirty-fifth Congress the petitioner prayed a pension on account of the death of her husband while in the service of the United States, and the committee presented the following report, accompanied by a bill for her relief, which your committee beg leave to adopt:

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THIRTY-FIFTH CONGRESS SECOND SESSION.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Ruth Ellen Grelaud, widow of Captain John H. Grelaud, deceased, late of the United States army, for a pension, having had the same under consideration, submit the following report:*

It appears from the evidence before the committee that the petitioner was married to the late John H. Grelaud, at Boston, on the 30th day of November, 1850; that her said husband graduated at West Point June 23, 1843, was appointed brevet second lieutenant February 17, 1845, and served without intermission since that time to the day of his decease; that he died in the discharge of his duties under the following peculiar circumstances, as set forth in a letter from the Commissioner of Pensions, dated December 21, 1858:

“Captain Grelaud was stationed at Fort Dulany, Punta Casa, Florida, where he was attacked with bilious remittent fever of a congestive form; there being no medical officer at the post, he did not receive medical treatment until the eighth day of his disease; that as soon as his case was reported he was visited by a medical officer, and soon after removed to Fort Myers, (August 14, 1857,) where he died on the 17th day of that month, being the 12th day of his sickness.”

As the general laws make no provision for the widows of officers of the United States army who die of disease in the service since the close of the late war with Mexico, your committee are of the opinion that the pension should be granted. They therefore report a bill for the relief of the petitioner.